



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: ITO, Suguru et al.

Group Art Unit: 1713

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For: RUBBER, RUBBER COMPOSITION, AND CROSSLINKED OBJECT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED RESPONSE GROUP ART UNIT 1713

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 21, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 21, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.